A NOBLE LANDMARK AT THE EASTERN ENTRY TO THE CENTRE OF OXFORD: MAGDALEN TOWER—WITH MAGDALEN BRIDGE IN THE FOREGROUND.

A VIEW OF THE COLLEGE FROM ADDISON'S WALK, SHOWING THE BRIDGE ACROSS A BRANCH OF THE CHERWELL.

VIEWS OF MAGDALEN, ONE OF OXFORD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL COLLEGES, WHICH WAS FOUNDED IN 1458.

The year 1458 is traditionally accepted as the foundation date of Magdalen College, and various celebrations, described on an accompanying page, have been planned for this summer to mark the College's quincentenary. Magdalen Tower was built between 1492 and 1509, and is, perhaps, the finest of all Oxford's towers. Each year, the coming of summer is welcomed in Oxford when, early in the morning, a seventeenth-century Eucharistic hymn is sung from the top of the Tower, while almost silent crowds of undergraduates listen below in punts on the Cherwell. Another musical feature of Magdalen is the high tradition for choral services of the chapel. The fine buildings of Magdalen are set in the most beautiful surroundings. To the east are the Water Walks, one of which is known as Addison's Walk, which are on a wooded meadow, noted for its myriads of fritillaries and encircled by the Cherwell, while to the north-west is the tree-lined Grove in which deer can be seen grazing.

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AN OXFORD COLLEGE NOW CELEBRATING ITS QUINCENTENARY: MAGDALEN, A VIEW F

A number of events have been planned at Magdalen College to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the College's foundation. On July 21, the eve of St. Mary Magdalen's Day, a special Evensong service is to be held in the College Chapel, and this will be followed by a dinner, and by choral singing. On June 12, the date on which the College Charter was given in 1458, there was to be a dinner in College for Members and former Members of the Foundation, and on June 16 another dinner is to be held for present Fellows of the College and present Members of the Foundation. The founder of the College was William of Waynflete, Bishop of Winchester, and the link with Winchester will be maintained by the participation in the celebration events of the Bishop

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FROM THE HIGH, SHOWING THE GREAT TOWER AND, ON THE LEFT, THE LIBRARY.

of Winchester. In the quincentenary year, Magdalen also has plans for a new block of buildings. Among the 3000 old members of the College who are being invited to take part in the celebration is the Duke of Windsor. William of Waynflete founded the Hall of St. Mary Magdalen in 1448. In 1456 he became Lord Chancellor and in that year Henry VI granted to him for his foundation the Hospital of St. John. In 1458 a charter was issued to the College of St. Mary Magdalen, and this is traditionally accepted as the College's foundation date. The celebrations to mark the 500th anniversary of one of Oxford's most beautiful Colleges will reach a climax when a fireworks display is given following the dinner on July 21.

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A RELATIVELY RECENT ADDITION TO MAGDALEN: NEW BUILDINGS, WHICH WAS BEGUN IN 1733—THE SOUTH FACADE SEEN FROM ADDISON'S WALK.

LOOKING SOUTH FROM THE ARCADE OF NEW BUILDINGS: A VIEW OF THE NORTH SIDE OF CLOISTERS, WITH THE TOWER VISIBLE ABOVE.

FROM 1458 TO 1958: ANCIENT AND MODERN BUILDINGS OF MAGDALEN COLLEGE, OXFORD.

This year Magdalen College celebrates the 500th anniversary of its foundation. The dates of the various College buildings range over the five centuries, but this has added to, rather than detracted from, the charm of the College as a whole. The central block of the College, including Chapel, Hall, Cloisters and Founder's Tower, was built between 1474 and 1490, under the direction of the master-mason, William Orchard. The Great Tower was built between 1492 and 1509. New Buildings was begun in 1733 by William Townesend, probably advised by James Gibbs. Late in the last century, the St. Swithun's building was erected to designs by Bodley and Garner, who, in the same period, built the President's Lodgings. Longwall Quadrangle was built by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott in 1928-30, including on the southern side J. C. Buckler's School Hall (1851), now the Library. The age of the College and variety of its architecture is strikingly emphasized by the powerful contrast between the quiet seclusion of the mediæval Cloisters and the fine elegance of the eighteenth-century New Buildings.

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